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INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petition of)
Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Incorporated)
d/b/a Ameritech Indiana, Pursuant to I.C. 8-1-)
2-61, for a Three-phase Process for)
Commission Preview of Various Submissions)
of Ameritech Indiana to Show Compliance with)
Section 271(c) of the Telecommunications Act)
of 1996.)

Cause No. 41657

**McLEODUSA'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO JOIN
THE INITIAL COMMENTS OF WORLDCOM, INC.
FILED DECEMBER 11, 2002**

McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. ("McLeodUSA"), by its counsel herein, respectfully moves the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") for leave to join in WorldCom, Inc.'s ("WorldCom") Initial Comments which were filed December 11, 2002.

1. McLeodUSA did not file comments on Ameritech Indiana's Draft Section 271 Application, which were due December 11, 2002.
2. McLeodUSA requests the Commission for leave to join the comments of WorldCom on Ameritech Indiana's Draft Section 271 Application filed December 11, 2002.
3. While McLeodUSA cannot adopt the affidavits of WorldCom's witnesses, which are WorldCom-specific, McLeodUSA would ask the Commission to allow it to join WorldCom's comments.
4. Counsel for McLeodUSA has consulted counsel for Ameritech Indiana today, December 17, 2002, to ask if Ameritech Indiana objects to McLeodUSA concurring in WorldCom's comments at this late date. Ameritech Indiana's counsel was unable to confirm

whether or not Ameritech Indiana objects to McLeodUSA's late joinder in WorldCom's comments.

WHEREFORE, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., by its counsel, herein respectfully requests the Commission for leave to join the comments of WorldCom, Inc. on Ameritech Indiana's Draft Section 271 Application which were filed December 11, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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